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SUBJECT: RED CROSS CONTACTS WITH FIELD TO RESUME

1. IN AN APRIL 19 CALL ON CHARGE, INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVE MARTI REPORTED THAT HIS NDJAMENA HEADQUARTERS WAS NO LONGER IN CONTACT WITH ITS TEN MAN MISSION IN FAYA LARGEAU. REASON FOR THIS WAS STRIKE BY CHADIAN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS WHO NORMALLY OPERATED CONTROL TOWER RADIO. FROLINAT HAD EARLIER FORBIDDEN RED CROSS TO USE ITS OWN COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATION ANY LONGER AND WHEN TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS STRUCK EARLY THIS WEEK MISSIONS IN THE TWO CITIES WERE ISOLATED.

2. COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS OF ONE SORT OR ANOTHER CONTINUE TO BE THE BANE OF RED CROSS EXISTENCE IN CHAD. MARTI STATES THAT FROLINAT NO LONGER WILL PERMIT DIRECT FLIGHTS FROM NDJAMENA TO FAYA. ALL AIRCRAFT MUST ARRIVE FROM DESTINATION IN LIBYA, ALGERIA, OR NIGERIA TO BE  
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PERMITTED ACCESS. SINCE NORMAL LIAISON IS CARRIED ON BY USE OF PIPER AZTEC, WHOSE RANGE IS TOO LIMITED TO PERMIT DIRECT CROSS-DESERT FLIGHT TO SEBHA IN THE PERIOD OF SAND STORMS, MARTI HAS BEEN SEEKING ALTERNATIVE ROUTING, AND EVEN TOYED WITH IDEA OF FLYING TO BARDAI VIA KANO. ONCE AT BARDAI HE PLANNED TO WALK THE TEN KMS FROM AIR STRIP TO CITY AND THEN USE FROLINAT RADIO TO CONTACT

APRIL 21. OTHER TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS HAVE PLAGUED ALL RED CROSS FOOD AND MEDICINE DELIVERIES. TO DATE, 50 TONS APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTHS SUPPL) HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO FAYA BY AIR. FROM THERE, HOWEVER, THEY MUST GO OVERLAND TO THE NUMEROUS DISPERSED SITES NEAR ZOUAR, BARDAI, FADA, YEBBI-BOU, ETC. WHERE THE 2,000 POWS ARE HELD. ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE ENORMITY OF THIS TASK IS THE 12 DAY ROUND TRIP WHICH RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVES HAD TO MAKE WHEN THEY LOST RADIO CONTACT LAST MONTH BETWEEN FAYA AND FADA. DALSIMER

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